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SUBJ: MR 2 DAILY SITREP MAY 4

HEREWITH REPEAT AMCONSUL NHA TRANG 0463 FYI AND ACTION QUOTE

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TAGS: PINT PINS MILI VS

SUBJECT: MR 2 DAILY SIT REP, MAY 4

1. SUMMARY: MILITARY ACTION REMAINS LIGHT. VC SEEK ACCOMMODATION OVER USE OF ROUTE 7 B IN PHU YEN BUT GVN REFUSES. FOUR- PARTY ICCS INSPECTION IN LAM DONG GOES SMOOTHLY AND RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT OF CHEO REO TEAM ARE BEING RELAXED.

2. SECURITY SITUATION: MILITARY ACTION LAST 24 HOURS AGAIN RELATIVELY LIGHT. OF NINE ENEMY- INITIATED INCIDENTS REPORTED, SEVEN OCCURRED IN NORTHERN BINH DINH AND ONE EACH IN PHU YEN AND BINH THUAN. THERE WERE SEVEN PROBES OF GVN OUTPOSTS, MOST OF THEM MORE COSTLY TO ENEMY THAN TO RVNAF, AND TWO MININGS. AGGREGATE CASUALTIES: ENEMY, 12 KIA, FIVE CAPTURED; RVNAF, ONE KIA, FIVE WIA. VNAF FLEW 24 " TRAINING REHEARSAL " MISSIONS ON MAY 3, ALL OF THEM AGAIN IN BINH DINH.

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3. VC SEEK ACCOMMODATION IN PHU YEN: DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEF FOR SECURITY TOLD TUY HOA POLOFF THAT AN UNNAMED VC COMMANDER, SPEAKING FOR THE D-96 LOCAL FORCE BATTALION WHICH OPERATES IN TUY HOA DISTRICT, CONTACTED HIM IN LATE APRIL TO PROPOSE AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD PERMIT THE OPENING OF INTERPROVINCIAL ROUTE AD HOC TEAMS OF OUTSIDE EXPERTS TO STUDY PROBLEM AND RENDER ADVICE. WHILE AGENCY HAS FURNISHED ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ASSISTANCE TO ASSEMBLED TEAM, IT HAS GENERALLY AVOIDED ANY SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE INVOLVEMENT. FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF TASK, TEAM HAS DISBANDED, AND IN EVENT COUNTRY LATER REQUIRED FURTHER ASSISTANCE ON SAME OR RELATED TOPICS, NEW TEAM NORMALLY APPOINTED WITH POSSIBILITY QUITE DIFFERENT CONCEPTS AND PERSPECTIVES. LACK OF CONSISTENCY, UNIFORMITY, OR CONTINUITY IN TECHNICAL ADVICE RENDERED HAS SERIOUSLY HAMPED EFFECTIVENESS OF ASSISTANCE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION REQUESTED SUGGEST TO DG THAT AGENCY STAFF STUDY AND PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS ON FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS WHICH WE SEE AS REPRESENTING BASIC SERVICE AGENCY SHOULD RENDER AND WHICH WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE VALUE OF AGENCY AS SOURCE OF ADVISORY ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER STATES:

(A) ESTABLISHMENT OF EVENTUAL FOUR OR FIVE- MAN AGENCY STAFF MOST APPROPRIATELY IN DEPT OF TECHNICAL OPERATIONS WITH BASIC TECHNICAL COMPETENCE IN CRITICAL MATTERS RELATING TO EVALUATION OF SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORTS RELATING TO REACTOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION, QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS, PRINCIPLES OF REGULATORY CONTROL, REACTOR SAFETY, AND REACTOR OPERATING ORGANIZATIONS. EMPHASIS WOULD BE PLACED INITIALLY ON COMPETENCE IN LIGHT WATER REACTOR ANALYSIS, SINCE THIS MOST PRESSING CURRENT NEED.

(B) ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO AGENCY STAFF, COMPOSED OF REGULATORY REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF HALF- DOZEN ADVANCED NATIONS, PERHAPS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM SOME OF INTERESTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. COMMITTEE WOULD ASSIST STAFF IN DEVELOPING POSITIONS AND PROCEDURES ON MATTERS ON WHICH REQUESTS FOR ADVICE ARE RECEIVED.

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(C) IAEA MEMBER STATE DESIRING ASSISTANCE IN, OR EVALUATION OF, SOME PORTION OF ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM WOULD SUBMIT ITS REQUESTS TO AGENCY.

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(D) AGENCY TEAM WOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE STUDIES AND

RENDER ASSISTANCE, EVALUATION, ADVICE, OR RECOMMENDATIONS. TEAM COULD, IF NECESSARY, INCLUDE TEMPORARY CONSULTANTS, BUT MAIN WEIGHT WOULD BE ON IAEA'S OWN EXPERT STAFF IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AND CARRY FORWARD A CONSISTENT SET OF BASIC PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA.

5. WE RECOGNIZE THIS SUGGESTION COULD NOT BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BEFORE 1975. AGENCY STUDY ADVISABLE AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, TO DETERMINE ( A) WHETHER THERE IS COST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR PROPOSAL AND PRESENT IAEA PROCEDURES OF ACTING ON AD HOC BASIS AND ( B) WHETHER MODIFICATIONS ANY OTHER AGENCY PROGRAMS ADVISABLE BOTH TO REFLECT NEW DIRECTION OF THIS ESTABLISHED ACTIVITY AND TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR INCREASE IN COSTS, IF ANY. AGENCY, IN REPLACING OR HIRING NEW STAFF DURING NEXT MONTHS, MIGHT ALSO KEEP IN MIND POSSIBILITY OF SELECTING INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD FILL DUAL FUNCTION. FOR EXAMPLE, FIVE NEW PROFESSIONAL POSTS PROPOSED FOR DIVISION NUCLEAR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT FOR 1974 MAY LEND THEMSELVES TO THIS OBJECTIVE, AS THEY CALL FOR QUALIFICATIONS THAT COULD BE FILLED BY PERSONS WITH BACK- GROUND ALSO IN REGULATORY/ SAFETY EVALUATION EXPERIENCE. IN PARTICULAR, THESE ARE PROPOSED POSTS FOR SENIOR RADIATION PROTECTION SPECIALIST OR NUCLEAR ENGINEER IN SHIELDING AND CONTAINMENT ( P-5), OFFICER EXPERIENCED IN MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES AND SYSTEMS FOR CONTROL OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF NUCLEAR PROGRAMS ( P-4), AND RADIATION PROTECTION SPECIALIST ( P-4).

6. AEC WOULD BE GLAD PROVIDE ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE AGENCY MIGHT DESIRE, INCLUDING ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC PERSONNEL  
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QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED.

7. ADVISE RE AGENCY'S VIEWS.

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